

Arguments/Remarks

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the accompanying remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

In the aforesaid Office Action, the Examiner made final the withdrawal of claims 1-12 and 19-20 from consideration. Claims 1-12 have therefore been cancelled without prejudice, and applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more divisional applications. Claims 19-20 remain withdrawn in the event that a generic claim such as claim 13 as amended will be found allowable.

The Examiner also rejected claims 13-16, 18 and 21-24 as anticipated by Binard et al., and in the response to arguments section made several suggestions for amendments to the claims to overcome the art of record.

The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 13 and 21 have been amended to indicate that the pressure operated valve allows selection of the threshold during use. This is not taught or suggested by the art of record, and it is believed that this places independent claims 13 and 21 in condition for allowance.

Further, new dependent claims 25 and 26 have been added, and these claims specify that the movable member allows pressure to be released only when the threshold is exceeded. These claims are believed to comply with the Examiner's recommendation on this subject matter, and are also submitted to be allowable based upon dependency from claims 13 and 21 respectively.

Finally, the Examiner objected to the replacement sheets of drawings previously submitted because they did

not include the indicator that they were "Replacement Sheets". New drawings are attached hereto which comply with this requirement.

It is believed that no additional fee is due. If any such fee or fee deficiency is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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